

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 75—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 15, 2008

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Requires the State Forester Firewarden to submit annual reports concerning fire prevention and forest health in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin to certain persons and entities. (BDR 47-439)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to forestry; requiring the State Forester Firewarden to submit an annual report concerning fire prevention and forest health in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin to certain persons and entities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill requires the State Forester Firewarden, who is the executive head of
 - 2 the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural
 - 3 Resources, in coordination and cooperation with the Tahoe Regional Planning
 - 4 Agency and the fire chiefs within the Lake Tahoe Basin, to report annually to the
 - 5 Governor, the Legislature, the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight
 - 6 of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System, the
 - 7 Nevada Congressional Delegation and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
 - 8 regarding plans and activities relating to fire prevention and forest health in the
 - 9 Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 528 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. On or before January 1 of each year, the State Forester Firewarden shall, in coordination and cooperation with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the fire chiefs within the Lake Tahoe Basin, submit a report concerning fire prevention and forest health in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin to:

(a) The Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Marlette Lake Water System created by NRS 218.53871 and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature;

(b) The Governor;

(c) The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency; and

(d) Each United States Senator and Representative in Congress who is elected to represent the State of Nevada.

2. The report submitted by the State Forester Firewarden pursuant to subsection 1 must address, without limitation:

(a) The status of:

(1) The implementation of plans for the prevention of fires in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin, including, without limitation, plans relating to the reduction of fuel for fires;

(2) Efforts concerning forest restoration in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

(3) Efforts concerning rehabilitation of vegetation, if any, as a result of fire in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

(b) Compliance with:

(1) The goals and policies for fire prevention and forest health in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

(2) Any recommendations concerning fire prevention or public safety made by any fire department or fire protection district in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

(c) Any efforts to:

(1) Increase public awareness in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin regarding fire prevention and public safety; and

(2) Coordinate with other federal, state, local and private entities with regard to projects to reduce fire hazards in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

